(ङ) दालों के घरेलू मूल्यों तथा देश में इसके संपूर्ण उत्पादन पर इसका क्या असर होने की संभावना है?

वित्त संत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) और (ख) दालों पर आयात शुल्क को 3 अक्तूबर, 1988 से मल्यानुसार 10% से बढ़ाकर 35% कर दिया गया है।

(ग) यह वृद्धि चालू वर्ष में अच्छी फसल की संभावना को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए और किसानों को लाभकर मूल्य दिलाने में सहायता करने की दृष्टि से की गई है;

(घ) अक्तूबर, 1988 के दौरान, दालों के मूल्यों में कुछ वृद्धि हुई है। बहुत-सी दालों के मल्यों में अब कमी की प्रवृत्ति दिखाई देने लगी है।

(ङ) आयात की गई दालें, कुल आपूर्ति का थोड़ा ही प्रतिशत बैठती हैं और मूल्य मुख्यतः मांग और स्वदेशी आपूर्ति के द्वारा नियंत्रित होते हैं। आयात शुल्क में वृद्धि से लाभकर मूल्य बनाए रखने में कुछ हद तक सहायता मिलेगी और इस प्रकार इससे स्वदेशी उत्पादन बढ़ाने में सहायता मिलेगी।

Incidents of Bomb blasts in Srinagar

*106. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent disturbing incidents of bomb blasts and sabotage involving Central Government buildings and also firing incidents in crowded places in Srinagar; if so, whether Government have made any investigation as to who are behind such incidents and what action has been taken against them; and

(b) whether Government have ascertained the veracity of the reports to the effect that young boys of senior Jammu and Kashmir Government officials were also involved in these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have reported that a group of youth from Kashmir have been taken across the border to be trained for indulging in subversive activities and to create uncertainty in the State. Following a close watch the State Government have apprehended a number of persons. Arms and ammunition have also been recovered.

(b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have not reported anything to this effect.

Excise duty concession on diesel used in Mechanised Boats by Fishermen

*107. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government had approached the Government of India on the 28th July, 1988 for waiving off the Central excise duty on diesel which is used for operation of mechanised boats by the fishermen;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large trawlers are entitled to such exemption while small mechanised fishing crafts are not getting such exemption; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for such discrimination between large trawlers and small mechanised fishing crafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) In their letter dated 28th of July, 1988 the Government of Maharashtra have requested for excise duty concession on diesel oil used by smaller fishing vessels.

(b) and (c) Concessional rates of excise duty are available to diesel oil supplied for use in deep sea fishing vessels of not less than 150 B.H.P. and length not less than 13.7 metres. The question of extending the concession to smaller fishing vessels was examined but it was not found feasible, because of serious administrative difficulties and risk to revenue.

Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

*108. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime back the Reserve Bank of India carried out a special scrutiny and audit of the activities of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company;

(b) if so, whether the audit was simultaneously conducted in a number of regional and branch offices of the Company; and

(c) whether on the basis of special scrutiny and audit the Reserve Bank has finalised any report and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has conducted inspection of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited (Peerless) under Section 45N of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 with reference to the Company's position as on 31-12-1987. Besides, the Head Office of the Peerless at Calcutta, four regional offices located at Calcutta, Bombay, New Delhi and Madras and a few branches were also inspected. The report of the inspection has not yet been finalised by RBI.

Pensions to Freedom Fighters from Andhra Pradesh

*109. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons from Andhra Pradesh are recipients of freedom fighters' pension at present;

(b) how many applications are still pending with the Ministry and how many are pending before the Screening Committee appointed to look into the cases of erstwhile Hyderabad freedom fighters; and

(c) whether it is a fact that on receiving complaints about undeserving persons receiving pension, Scrutiny Committees have been appointed for Karim Nagar, Warangal and Khammam districts; if so, how many cases have so far been scrutinized and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) As on 31-8-1988, 9117 freedom fighters of Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned Central Freedom Fighters' Pension.

(b) 33 applications are pending for want of verification reports/clarifications from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. No application is at present pending before the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee appointed to look into the cases of earstwhile Hyderabad freedom fighters. The Committee, however, will have to consider about 500 more cases.

(c) No such Scrutiny Committee has been appointed by the Central Government.